include electrical machinery, power generation equipment. ferrous castings and steel forgings, machine tools and industrial machinery.

Monopolistic Trade Practices in Safety Razor Blade Industry

184. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the MRTP Commission to go into the matter of prevalance of monopolistic trade practices in the safety razor blade industry in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference and by what time the Commission is expected to complete its work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference are given in the Statement given below.

No time limit has been prescribed for the MRTP Commission to submit its report.

Statement

The Monopolies and Restictive Trade Practices Commission has been asked to inquire into the matter and report its findings to the Central Government, and in particular on each of the following questions, namely:—

(a) whether monopolistic trade practices prevail in respect of the said industry;

(b) whether monopolistic trade practices are indulged in jointly or severally by any one or more owners of undertakings engaged in the said industry;

(c) whether monopolistic trade practices indulged in by one or more owners of undertakings are attributable to:

(i) their individual or collective share in the market for the said industry;

(ii) any act or practice resorted to, or commercial policy pursued by them, and whether such act, practice or policy has resulted in deterioration of quality or standard of safety razor blades;

(iii) any agreement or agreements executed between them.

(d) whether the Commission has found, as a result of its inquiry, that monopolistic trade practices operate or are likely to operate against the public interest.

Liberalisation of Industrial Policy

185. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing further liberalisation of the Industrial Policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features of such liberalisation and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Liberalisation of the Licensing policy & procedure is a continuous process and in pursuance of this policy measures are taken from time to time directed towards removing the irritants in achieving a rapid industrial growth in the country. As and when decisions are taken these are announced by means of Press Notes.